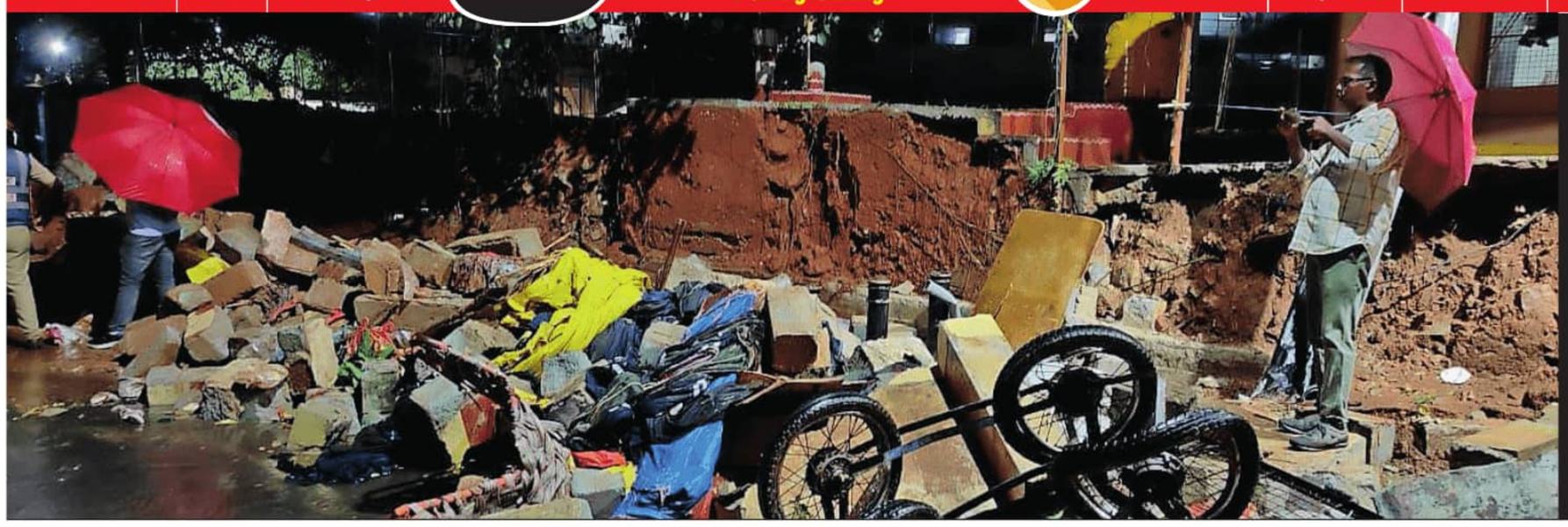
BENGALURU, THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026 www.Bangaloremirror.com 12 Pages PRICE ₹3

Bangalore Mirror

TEMP Max 36 | Min 23 | Humidity 32% Partly sunny Sensex 77,496 | Nifty 24,178 | Gold 1,48,551 | Silver 2,33,850 | Dollar 94.79 | Euro 110.90 | GBP 127.85



Somber skyfall

- Tragedy strikes as 7 people, including 2 children, killed in compound wall collapse at hospital
- Relief from heat and astonishment over hailing prevailed for a bit
- Flooding and tree falls also reported in parts of city

PAGE 5

One-way violations can cause fatalities, warn traffic police as B'luru motorists seem to be taking this offence too lightly in order to save a few minutes on the commute — 1.15 lakh violators booked till March this year

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY OUT OF THIS

Fines of up to Rs 1,500 and harsher punishment not deterrent enough

Iffath.Fathima
@timesofindia.com

TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

Despite repeated fines and enforcement drives, motorists in the city continue to treat one-way rules as optional, with more than 1.15 lakh drivers caught flouting the law in just over three months in 2026, underscoring how rampant and normalised wrong-side driving has become on our roads.

Latest data released by the traffic police shows that 1,15,048 motorists were booked for one-way violations between January 21 and April 26, 2026, averaging over 1,200 violations every day. In the most recent weekly enforcement drive alone, 4,333 motorists were penalised between April 19 and April 26, revealing the scale of disregard for traffic discipline across the city.

The South traffic division recorded the highest number of one-way violations this week with 1,210 cases, followed by North and West divisions with 1,094 each, while the East division reported 935 cases. Cumulatively since January, the

CONTINUED ON PAGE 8 »

"Many motorists violate the one-way rule to avoid U-turns or going through a longer way to save a few minutes. One needs to understand that wrong-side driving can kill and bring a change themselves

—Traffic expert

Too many tasks, too few hands

Authority has to manage wildlife rescue, plantation, special projects, canopy management and more but only 25 of requested 55 posts were sanctioned

KAUSHIK JN

Tree and branch falls were rampant in Wednesday evening's rain

Garima Prasher
garima.prasher@timesofindia.com

TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

The forest department of Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) is battling with work overload, thanks to the sanctioned staff strength being too less as compared to the requirements.

Sources say, although it is a challenge the department has been facing for some time now, there was hope in the new GBA regime.

In a staff proposal submitted a couple of months ago, a staff strength of 55 across all corporations' levels was requested. This included five assistant conservators of forest (ACFs), two range forest officers (RFOs), and four deputy range forest officers (DRFOs) in each city corporation limit. This was against the earlier existing staff strength of 16, including 10 deputy range forest officers, three range forest officers, two assistant conservators of forest, and one deputy conservator.

However, only 25 positions across all five corporations have been sanctioned, including 10 deputy range forest officers, 10 range forest officers, and five assistant conservators of forest.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 4 »

THINGS TO DO

01 Touch of creativity

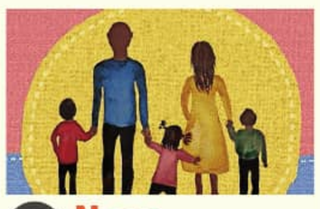
Atta Galatta is presenting a hands-on linocut printing workshop by The Lino Table. The beginner-friendly session invites participants to slow down, carve, ink and print their own artwork from scratch. **Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: May 2, 6 pm**

02 Comedy junction

Rahul Dua, renowned stand-up comedian, a powerhouse performer, host (Shark Tank India Season 2 & 3, Comicstaan S3 Finale), actor, creator and writer will be performing live, marking his second stand-up special. **Where: MLR Convention Centre, Whitefield; When: May 10, 7 pm**

03 Gourmet delight

Loco Lane transforms match day into a premium fan sanctuary, offering all inclusive IPL screenings with gourmet dining and the comfort of premium box seating for an elevated experience. **Where: Loco Lane, Ashok Nagar; When: Until May 31, 5 pm**



04 New beginnings

Atta Galatta is presenting Healing Wounds in Parental Relationships, an experiential workshop designed to help participants begin the process of recovering their sense of self, while exploring ways to cultivate contentment. **Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: May 3, 10.30 am**

05 Storytelling with a twist

Created by acclaimed director and composer Kevin Oliver and presented in support of the Kempegowda International Airport Foundation (KIAF), Odyssey of Love is a contemporary pop opera blending music, fashion and storytelling into a visually rich and immersive spectacle. **Where: Good Shepherd Auditorium, Shanthala Nagar; When: May 7**

No water, no electricity: Namma Clinic struggles without basics

Clinic staff struggle daily, having worked without electricity until recent temporary connection, while defunct pump and missing Cauvery pipeline still leave facility without reliable water supply

Y Maheswara Reddy
c-y.reddy@timesofindia.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

Namma Clinics are government-run health centres which aim to deliver primary healthcare to economically weaker sections (File photo)

Bengaluru's ambitious Namma Clinic project, launched three years ago to deliver primary healthcare to the city's economically weaker sections, is once again under scrutiny. Conceived as a safety net for underserved communities, more than 200 clinics were inaugurated with much fanfare. Today, however, many of them are making headlines for the wrong reasons, grappling with acute staff shortages and struggling to provide even basic amenities.

The Namma Clinic near the Bengaluru Central City Corporation Medical Officer's Office has struggled with problems since its inauguration three years ago. Authorities had reportedly chosen an abandoned building, once a Sub-Registrar's Office more than a decade ago, without ensuring basic amenities like electricity and water. Until recently, staff were allegedly forced to work in darkness due to the lack of a power connection, with officials finally arranging a temporary supply from an adjacent building.

Staff at the Namma Clinic initially welcomed the long-awaited electricity connection, relieved they no longer had to haul water from the sump with buckets. But their relief was short-lived as soon after, the water pump broke down. "We have no other option than drawing water from the sump with a bucket. We have complained to the authorities about the defunct water pump. We are waiting for the electrician to fix this problem," said one of the staff members on the condition of anonymity.

Staff members and citizens urge officials to provide stable electricity and water connection at clinic to ensure uninterrupted functioning

Another persistent issue is the absence of a Cauvery water connection. Although the main pipeline runs just a few metres from the clinic's sump, officials failed to link the two, leaving the facility without a regular water supply. "We are compelled to depend on private water suppliers for water. It will be a great help if the authorities take measures to ensure Cauvery water supply to this clinic," said one of the staff members.

Kalidasa Reddy, a local resident, urged officials to act, stressing that the Namma Clinic urgently requires a proper water facility. "Lack of water causes a lot of problems for people, especially those with diabetes, who visit Namma Clinic for treatment or medical checkup," he said. BECC Medical Officer (CV Raman Nagar) Dr Manjula said that she has been aware of the lack of water and electricity at the Namma Clinic. "I have already written letters to the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) engineer and Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM) engineer to provide electricity and water supply to the Namma Clinic. I am expecting them to fix these problems as early as possible," Dr Manjula said.

Common exam to be introduced for Group 'C' posts?

The state government has officially issued an order implementing internal reservation for Scheduled Castes in recruitment and promotions, following a Cabinet decision. Alongside this, it is considering a major shift in hiring by moving away from department-wise recruitment to a single common entrance test for filling vacancies. The Finance Department has cleared the recruitment of 24,300 posts across departments, and proposals are set to be sent to the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) and Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC). A large share of these posts fall under Group 'C' categories such as First Division Assistants (FDA) and Second Division Assistants (SDA), which are common across departments. Conducting separate exams for each department is seen as time-consuming and inefficient, prompting discussions on a unified test to speed up the process and improve transparency.

The reservation order aims to ensure equitable distribution of benefits within Scheduled Castes by introducing internal categorisation. Under this system, reservation will be divided into 3 categories, with 20 per cent of opportunities in Category C earmarked for 59 of the most backward communities. If eligible candidates from these groups are unavailable, the benefits will be extended to other communities within same category. The government has also directed recruitment agencies to take urgent steps to fill a total of 56,432 posts. Officials believe a common exam system will help reduce administrative burden. **— BMB**

AI-powered multilingual Namma 112 system to break language barriers

The Bengaluru City Police on Wednesday launched an advanced multilingual AI-enabled integrated Namma 112 emergency support system, marking a first-of-its-kind initiative in India aimed at improving emergency response accessibility across linguistic barriers.

Launched by Home Minister G Parameshwara, the system integrates Multilingual Voice AI for Nationwide Key Interventions (VANKI), allowing callers to communicate in their preferred language during emergencies. Officials said the initiative addresses a long-standing challenge in a cosmopolitan city like Bengaluru, where residents include people from diverse linguistic backgrounds, including migrants, students, and international professionals and visitors who contribute to the city's dynamic ecosystem.

In critical moments, however, language differences can become a barrier to accessing timely emergency assistance. "The AI-powered solution enables real-time translation and interpretation of distress calls, assisting call handlers in understanding situations quickly and accurately. This is expected to significantly reduce response time, improve clarity in communication, and ensure precise deployment of police and emergency services. The initiative has been developed in collaboration with Monday Ventures and Aeos, highlighting a growing partnership between law enforcement and tech innovators," officials said.

The platform currently supports more than 10 languages, including Indian languages such as Bengali, Gujarati, Odia, Manipuri, Kashmiri, Nepali and Assamese, along with various widely spoken international languages such as Spanish, French and Arabic.

Officials said the language capabilities will be expanded further in a phased manner.

According to police, the upgrade strengthens their commitment to inclusive, citizen-centric policing. **— BMB**

Students, volunteers join hands in door-to-door push to save water

In a practical push to tackle Bengaluru's water crisis, volunteer group Citizens for Citizens (C4C), along with St Anne's First Grade College for Women, has launched a door-to-door campaign in Vasanth Nagar to install free aerators, which are small devices that can reduce water flow by up to 50 per cent without affecting usability, on household taps. The week-long initiative, running from April 27 to May 2, is part of a larger water conservation awareness drive aimed at encouraging residents to reduce daily water wastage through simple interventions. Explaining the impact of aerators, Raj Dugar of Citizens for Citizens said, "A standard tap without an aerator releases around 12 to 15 litres of water per minute, whereas with an aerator, the flow comes down to 6 to 8 litres per minute."

He added that for an average family of four, which uses roughly 200 litres of tap water daily for washing hands, dishes, brushing, cooking and other regular activities, aerators can make a major difference. "This translates to nearly 40 to 50 per cent water savings. On average, one household can save around 80 to 100 litres of water every day, or approximately 2,400 to 3,000 litres every month," Dugar said.

Beyond direct water savings, the device can also help in reducing household electricity bills.

"Less water flow means less hot water usage, which in turn lowers power consumption for geysers and water heaters. If even 10 lakh households in Bengaluru install aerators, the city could save 25 to 30 crore litres of water every month. This would significantly reduce BWSSB's pumping burden and electricity costs," he added.

As part of the campaign, volunteers and students are visiting homes in Vasanth Nagar every morning from 8.30 am to 9.30 am, educating residents on Bengaluru's water challenges while installing aerators, wherever suitable, at no cost. **— BMB**

1 out of 2 Aakashians*

Qualified for JEE (Adv.) 2026

Aakash
Medical | IIT-JEE | Foundations

AIR 31

AIR 57

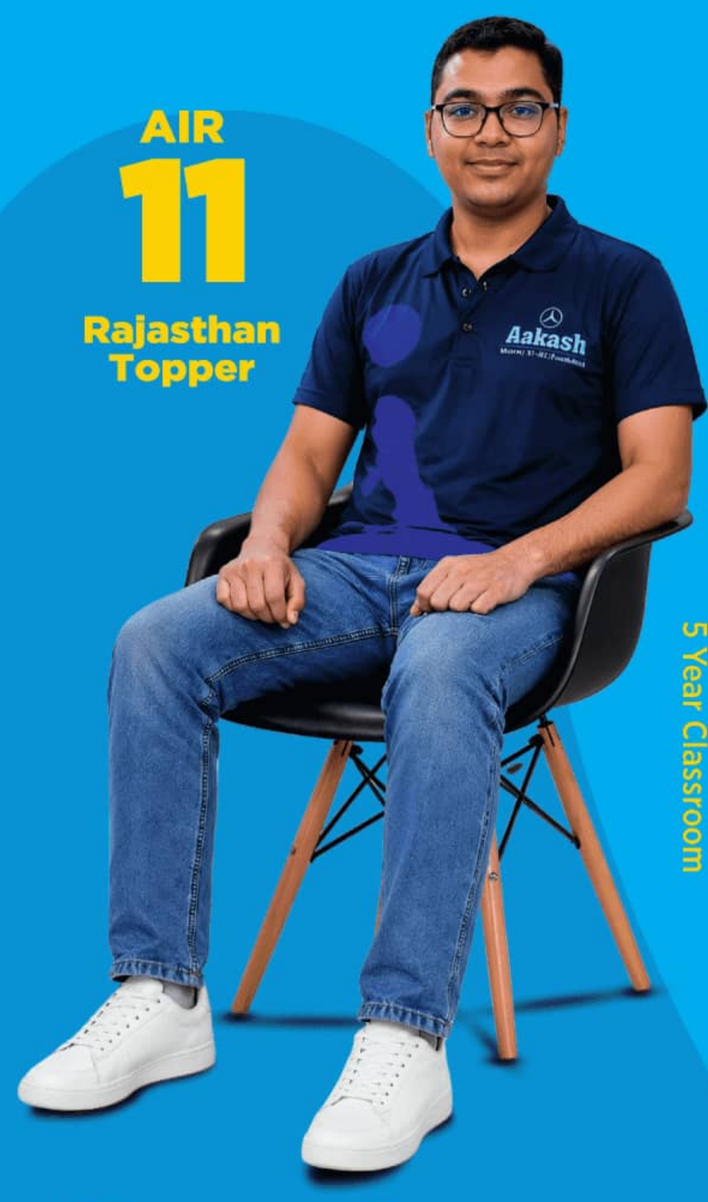
AIR 55

AIR 27
Uttar Pradesh Topper

AIR 43

Ajaiy P	Utkarsh Khokhar	Sushant K Agarwal	Adarsh Kumar Behera	Kuntal Choudhury
1 Year Classroom	1 Year Classroom	1 Year Classroom	5 Year Classroom	1 Year Distance Program

AIR 11
Rajasthan Topper



Yash Vardhan
5 Year Classroom

Our Star Performers from Karnataka

AIR 43
Adarsh Kumar Behera
5 Year Classroom

AIR 211
Pranil Singi
2 Year Classroom

AIR 276
Ayush S Kolekar
4 Year Classroom

AIR 785
Naman Agarwal
2 Year Classroom

AIR 1804
Adarsh Das
4 Year Classroom

AIR 1850
Gokul Harikrishnan
2 Year Classroom

and many more...

Though every care has been taken to publish the result, yet Aakash Educational Services Ltd. shall not be responsible for inadvertent error, if any.

Results that speak for themselves

09	45	92	178	7453
Students in Top 100 AIR	Students in Top 500 AIR	Students in Top 1000 AIR	Students in Top 2000 AIR	Students Qualified for JEE (Adv.) 2026

*Includes students of classroom, distance & digital across all categories. | *As per the compiled JEE (Main) 2026 results of 16,575 Aakash students so far.

ADMISSIONS OPEN

JEE | NEET | KCET | FOUNDATION

CLASSES 6th TO 12th & 12th PASSED

Classes 6th, 7th & 8th for selected branches only

SCAN TO ENROLL

APPEAR FOR iACST
Get Up to 90% SCHOLARSHIP*

Hurry!
Batches Filling Fast!

T & C Apply

Call Your Nearest Branch: **Bengaluru: Banaswadi:** 9311476789 **Bannerghatta Road:** 8800013043, **Hebbal:** 8800013045 **HSR Layout:** 8800013044, **Indiranagar:** 8800013046 **Jayanagar:** 8800013047 **Nagarbhavi:** 9901499299 **Rajajinagar:** 8800013048, **Rajarajeshwari Nagar:** 7836999994 **Seegehalli:** 8800902396 **T Dasarahalli:** 8800878217 **Whitefield:** 8800013049 **Yelahanka:** 7026505152, 8971954467 **Gunjur:** 9148802101, 9148803101 **Mysuru: Kuvempunagar:** 8800013052 **Suburban:** 7428899148 **Ballari:** 7337737776, 9686696041 **Belagavi:** 8800012965 **Dharwad:** 8800909381 **Hassan:** 8800897304 **Hubballi:** 8800013051 **Mangaluru:** 8800012964 **Shivamogga:** 8800898692 **Tumkur:** 6366185924, 6366185294 **Udupi:** 8800898735 **Vijayapura:** 9583337272, 6362367272

Scan the QR Code for Nearest Branch

CALL (TOLL-FREE):
1800-102-2727

VISIT:
aakash.ac.in

Aakash INVICTUS Advanced JEE Prep Program

Aakash Medical | IIT-JEE | Foundations

From ₹1 lakh to ₹1,231: B'luru's pothole cost puzzle

Over 39,000 potholes repaired in six months, yet wide cost variations continue to raise serious questions on governance, transparency, and financial accountability

Sridhar Vivan
sridhar.vivan@timesofindia.com
TWEETS @sridharvMirror

Imagine paying ₹1 lakh to fix a pothole on one road, while similar work elsewhere costs just ₹1,231. Official data placed in the Assembly exposes a staggering gap in Bengaluru's road repair costs. The figures highlight not only inconsistency but also serious concerns over public spending, with identical work priced drastically differently across neighbourhoods, raising questions about accountability.

At one end, Chamarajpet repaired 140 potholes for ₹1.4 crore, about ₹1 lakh per pothole. In contrast, Hebbal fixed 812 potholes for ₹10 lakh, roughly ₹1,231 each. This is not a minor variation but an extraordinary gap of nearly 80 times for the same basic civic work, raising serious concerns over cost consistency and accountability.

As per the data, variation remains stark within the central zone when costs are broken down per pothole. Shivajinagar spent ₹1.4 crore repairing 232 potholes, about ₹60,344 each. In comparison, CV Raman Nagar repaired 699 potholes with the same ₹1.4 crore, reducing the cost to roughly ₹20,028 per pothole, nearly 67% cheaper. Shantinagar fixed 638 potholes at about ₹21,943 each, around 64% lower, while Gandhinagar managed 438 potholes at approximately ₹31,963 per pothole, still 47% less. This places Shivajinagar's cost almost three times higher, highlighting wide, unexplained spending variation within the same zone. The data becomes more puzzling in certain constituencies, with Jayanagar and Padmanabhanagar reporting over 1,200 potholes repaired without any recorded expenditure, raising questions on whether costs were absorbed elsewhere, underreported, or not accounted for.

Data reveals up to 80 times difference in repair costs

Disparities are evident in constituencies spanning multiple civic zones. In Dasarahalli, one zone spent ₹24,144 per pothole, while another reported ₹1,985. In Padmanabhanagar, one zone spent ₹22,123 per pothole, while another showed zero expenditure.

A broader look deepens concern. Mahadevapura, handling the highest number of potholes, kept costs low at about ₹3,478 per repair, while Yeshwanthpur managed volumes at ₹5,146. In contrast, Govindarajnagar and Vijayanagar reported costs nearing ₹50,000 per pothole despite fewer cases. The government said over 39,000 potholes were repaired in six months at ₹33.85 crore. However, such wide variations across the city have raised serious concerns about accountability and consistency in public spending.

Civic activists say the data reveals deeper systemic issues. "This is not just about potholes; it is about transparency. When the same work costs ₹1 lakh in one area and ₹1,200 in another, citizens have every right to question where public money is going," said Nitin Gowda, a college student. AM Kumar, an activist, raised concerns over gaps in monitoring. "Either costing mechanisms are flawed or oversight in execution is poor. In both cases, public money is at stake. There must be uniform standards, greater transparency, and stricter auditing to ensure accountability," he said.

> **"Either costing mechanisms are flawed or oversight in execution is poor. In both cases, public money is at stake. There must be uniform standards, greater transparency, and stricter auditing to ensure accountability"**
> – AM Kumar, activist

Urban governance experts say such disparities can erode public trust. "When citizens see roads deteriorate despite high spending, it creates frustration. Focus should remain on quality and durability, not just numbers," an activist said, adding that with Bengaluru still battling poor roads despite heavy expenditure, the figures raise a pressing question: are citizens paying for efficiency, or is the system failing to deliver value for money?

Number of requests for tree pruning is on all-time high

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Sources say this number is too low to manage an ever-growing city like Bengaluru. Currently, the officials are stretched too thin with a heavy workload, and it is not only impacting routine work but also hampering the execution of special projects. The forest department of GBA is tasked with various activities such as conducting wildlife rescue, carrying out plantation activities, maintaining saplings and trees, and executing special projects such as tree census, amongst other assignments.

While the department also has 30 canopy management teams, each with eight members, these teams attend to complaints furnished by deputy range forest officers. Moreover, the number of complaints by citizens for tree cutting or pruning has increased over the last few years.

"On average, the department receives around 15-20 applications for tree felling and pruning every day. These applications are sent to the deputy conservator of forest, which in turn is forwarded to the deputy range forest officers. ACFs are supposed to conduct site inspections of all these requests. Only five staff in every city corporation office is not sufficient to deal with tree felling and pruning applications. There are other responsibilities as well," said an expert.

According to a source, while currently the department has 10 DRFOs, 5 of them are expected to be transferred soon under the Transfer Counseling Management System.

"The volume of work for the forest department in a city like Bengaluru is tremendous. I live in RR Nagar, and from our area alone, at least two requests for tree felling or pruning are sent to the department every week. If only two DRFO posts were to be sanctioned in every city corporation, there should have been provisions to hire forest guards. A lot of on-foot work is required, and 25 staff is a very low number," said Joseph Hoover, former member of the State Board of Wildlife and founder of the United Conservation Movement and Charitable Trust.

Marriage registration not must for divorce plea

The Karnataka High Court has held that registering a marriage under the Special Marriage Act, 1954 is not a compulsory requirement for filing a divorce petition. Justice K Manmadha Rao delivered the ruling while hearing a plea filed by a woman. She had challenged an order of a Family Court that allowed her husband's divorce petition to proceed. Her contention was that since their marriage had not been formally registered under the Special Marriage Act, the divorce petition should not be considered maintainable. The husband, however, argued that this objection was raised only to delay the proceedings. He also stated that, given his circumstances, he could not seek relief under other personal laws and had therefore filed for divorce under the Special Marriage Act. The High Court examined the provisions of the Act and observed that Section 15 outlines the conditions for registration of marriages but does not make such registration mandatory. It further noted that there is no provision in the law requiring a marriage to be registered before a divorce petition can be filed under Section 27. **— BMB**

whatsapp MIRROR
9591233247
Problems in your area?
Send us a picture along with specific details. And please, no phone calls or spamming

Danger zone
Majestic

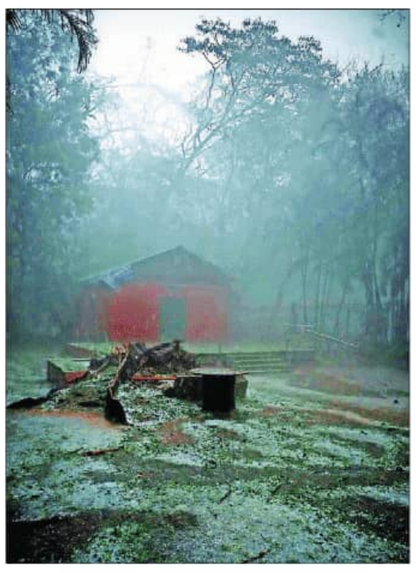
On Hospital Road near Majestic, ongoing white-topping work with barricades and traffic restrictions is being violated by two-wheelers entering the work zone, posing serious safety risks.

Illegal displays
Jayanagar

At the junction in 4th T Block near a restaurant in Jayanagar, illegal banners continue to appear frequently, posing safety hazards and violating regulations.

Dump yard
Mahadevapura

Outside an apartment in Mahadevapura, the area is being misused as an open toilet and dump yard, with unattended BESCOM cables adding to serious health and safety concerns.



From 35°C to 23°C real quick!

Bengaluru's prolonged heat spell ended abruptly on Wednesday as evening rain and hail swept across the city. Intense showers led to waterlogging and tree falls, disrupting traffic in several areas. The IMD issued an orange alert, forecasting continued rainfall until April 30, with temperatures dipping slightly amid the sudden weather shift. PICS: KAUSHIK JN

Seven die as hospital wall collapses in rain

Evening downpour unleashes horror as weakened structure crashes, trapping pedestrians seeking cover, turning shelter into sudden fatal catastrophe

Bangalore Mirror Bureau
mybangaloremirror@timesofindia.com

TWEETS @BangaloreMirror

KAUSHIK JN

Police and rescue workers stand near the debris of the collapsed wall at Bowring Hospital on Wednesday

For weeks, residents of Bengaluru had been hoping for rain. But when showers finally lashed the city on Wednesday evening, they brought devastation instead of relief. Seven people, including two children, lost their lives and seven others were injured after a compound wall at Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital collapsed during heavy rain, strong winds and a hailstorm. According to the police, several people had taken shelter near the wall to escape the intense weather when it suddenly gave way, trapping them under the debris. All seven victims died at the scene.

Rescue efforts

City Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh said the incident occurred at around 5.30 pm. Emergency teams, including local residents, Civil Defence personnel, firefighters and police, rushed to the site immediately after receiving the alert. Despite waterlogging and difficult conditions, rescue teams managed to save seven people from the debris. The injured were taken to hospital and are reported to be stable and out of danger. Authorities confirmed that the debris has since been cleared.

Official response

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah visited the site and confirmed the casualties. He announced compensation of Rs 5 lakh for the families of each deceased and assured that all injured persons would receive free medical treatment. He also ordered an inquiry into the incident to determine responsibility. "We will investigate whether there was any negligence on the part of engineers. Strict action will be taken if they are found at fault," he said.

Preliminary findings suggest that ongoing civil work within the hospital premises may have contributed to the collapse. Soil was reportedly being dumped against the compound wall by a contractor, increasing pressure on the already weakened structure. The Chief Minister noted that engineers had been asked whether they had assessed the structural stability of the wall. He added that the rains were unexpected pre-monsoon showers, which may have worsened the situation.

Residents said the wall was already dilapidated and used as shelter by vendors before it collapsed during heavy rain. Siddaramaiah blamed civic officials for negligence, and an investigation is under way.

How the tragedy unfolded

- Seven dead, including two children; seven injured, mostly traders and street vendors
- Compound wall collapse at Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital
- Incident took place on Wednesday at around 5.30 pm during pre-monsoon rains
- Soil dumping during civil work likely weakened the wall; heavy rain, winds and hailstorm added pressure
- Victims were sheltering under a tarpaulin when the wall collapsed
- Swift rescue efforts saved seven injured despite waterlogging

Recurring wall collapse deaths in Bengaluru

Wall collapse fatalities are not new to Bengaluru, yet repeated incidents point to a pattern of inaction by authorities. In May 2025, a 35-year-old housekeeping staff member, Shashikala, lost her life in the Mahadevapura–Channasandra area of Whitefield after a rain-weakened compound wall collapsed on her while she was near the site. More than a decade earlier, on 1 June 2010, 17-year-old Sanjana Singh, a Class 11 student of Kendriya Vidyalaya on the IISc campus, died when a poorly constructed compound wall of the Government Veterinary College near Mekhri Circle gave way during heavy rain as she stood on the footpath. These incidents, separated by years, underline a recurring civic failure, where weak structures and poor maintenance continue to pose risks, raising serious questions about why preventive action has not been taken despite past tragedies.

Hail yeah! Bengaluru gets sudden chill spell

Bengaluru witnessed a sudden spell of evening rain and isolated hail activity on Wednesday (April 29), bringing much-needed relief after nearly two weeks of intense summer heat, with daytime temperatures hovering around 35–36°C.

The day started off hot and humid, but cloud build-up from midday indicated early thunderstorm development. Atmospheric conditions such as inland convergence and improving instability supported scattered thunderstorm formation across parts of the city. Notably, the "Namma Karnataka Weather" handle on platform X had forecast the possibility of evening thunderstorm activity earlier in the morning, which eventually played out as predicted.

By evening, several parts of Bengaluru experienced short but intense rainfall, with some pockets also reporting brief hail showers. Localities such as Whitefield, Yelahanka, Electronic City, HSR Layout, Marathahalli and North Bengaluru saw quick bursts of rain, with visuals widely shared on social media showing rain-washed roads and hail pellets, as residents described the weather shift as a refreshing break from the scorching heat.

The rainfall recorded at Sampangiramanagar registered 39 mm, Bommanahalli 31 mm, HAL Airport-2 25 mm, B.T.M. Layout 22.50 mm, and Marathahalli 18.50 mm. Meanwhile, areas like Cottonpet received 56 mm of rainfall, Pulakeshinagar 51.50 mm, Chamrajpet 45 mm, Rajanahalli Guttahalli 31.50 mm, and Marathahalli 28.50 mm.

Residents shared visuals of hail and heavy rain across social media, calling the sudden spell a refreshing break from the heat. Showers are expected to continue till April 30.

An orange alert was issued for Bengaluru as the city recorded 35.1°C (max) and 24.4°C (min), with humidity at 100% by evening. Trace rainfall was recorded at HAL, while KIAL touched 36.8°C. The IMD forecast partly cloudy skies with light to moderate rain, thundershowers and gusty winds of 30–40 kmph overnight, with temperatures staying above normal.

Many areas reported flooding at Jayadeva Junction, Frazer Town, HSR Layout, Banaswadi, Electronic City, Thanisandra, parts of Cunningham Road, Koramangala, and Sarjapur. Tree falls were reported in Jayamahal, Frazer Town, Basaveshwaranagar, Nagavara Junction, KSR Railway Station, Guttahalli, and Mekhri Circle. Slow-moving traffic was reported by Bengaluru Traffic Police due to tree falls in areas like Modi Road, Old Udaya TV Junction, President Hotel Seshadripuram, 46th Cross Jayanagar, Binny Mill Road (Chamarajpet), Queens Junction (Cubbon Park), 5th Main Road (JP Nagar), and Upparpet.

B'luru's drug crackdown goes round-the-clock

From one case in 16 hours to nearly one every hour, city's pace of crackdown on narcotics skyrockets over years, reflecting shift in ground activity and tightened enforcement

Bengaluru's anti-narcotics enforcement has accelerated sharply over the past three years, with data showing a clear shift from occasional action to near-continuous operations. In 2024, the city registered 530 cases over the year, which translates to roughly one case every 16.5 hours. This pace tightened significantly in 2025, with 1,402 cases bringing the frequency to one every 6.3 hours, marking a 62 per cent increase in enforcement intensity.

The sharpest jump is visible in 2026. With 1,959 cases recorded in just 90 days till March-end, the rate has surged to one case every 1.1 hours, an 83 per cent increase over 2025. Compared to 2024, this represents a dramatic shift in ground activity, effectively moving from less than two cases a day to over twenty daily.

On the other hand, consumer-related cases underline this shift even more starkly. In 2024, such cases were rare, averaging one case every 11 days. By 2025, this tightened to one every 9.7 hours, and in 2026, it has escalated to one every 1.3 hours.

Karnataka govt has adopted zero-tolerance policy towards drug abuse and trafficking (File photo)

Arrest pace

The pace of arrests in Bengaluru has accelerated sharply, rising from one arrest every 12 hours in 2024 to one every 4.5 hours in 2025, and now to nearly one every hour in 2026, reflecting a 62 per cent increase followed by a further 75 per cent jump, with daily arrests climbing from about two to nearly 29.

Drug seizures see mixed trend, dropping from about 225 grams per hour in 2024 to 170 grams in 2025, a 24% decline, before surging to 500 grams every hour in 2026, marking 194% rise

Drug seizures, however, show a mixed trend, dropping from around 225 grams per hour in 2024 to 170 grams in 2025, a 24 per cent decline, before surging to 500 grams per hour in 2026, marking a steep 194 per cent rise.

Even more striking is the value of drugs seized, which has jumped from roughly Rs 1.1 lakh per hour in 2025 to nearly Rs 6 lakh per hour in 2026, an increase of over 440 per cent.

"The Government of Karnataka has adopted a zero-tolerance policy towards drug trafficking and abuse," said Home Minister G Parameshwara, while also commending police officials for their relentless effort in dismantling drug networks.

Major bust: 16 arrested, narcotics worth Rs 36.67 crore seized

Home Minister G Parameshwara on Wednesday announced that the Bengaluru City Police had seized narcotics worth Rs 36.67 crore. In a significant crackdown on drug trafficking, the city police, led by the Central Crime Branch Anti-Narcotics Wing and working in coordination with multiple police stations, apprehended 16 individuals allegedly involved in the illegal sale of narcotic substances across Bengaluru.

The coordinated operation involved teams from Bagaluru, Adugodi, Chikkajala, HSR Layout, Yeshwanthpur, Jalahalli and Jnanabharathi police stations. Acting on credible intelligence, officers conducted a series of raids at various locations, leading to the seizure of drugs worth approximately Rs 36.67 crore.

The arrested include four foreign nationals, eight persons from other states and four local residents, pointing to a well-organised interstate and international drug network. Police seized a significant quantity of contraband, including 9.64 kg of MDMA, 5.195 kg of hydro ganja, 19,755 LSD strips, 156 grams of heroin, 618 grams of charas, 332 grams of cocaine, 315 grams of drug-infused gummies and 11.47 kg of ganja.

B'luru Police earn praise for robust security at IPL 2026

The Government of Karnataka has commended the Bengaluru City Police for their extensive and well-coordinated security and crowd management arrangements during the ongoing IPL 2026 matches at M Chinnaswamy Stadium.

Drawing lessons from previous seasons, the police undertook over three months of advance planning, including consultations with stakeholders such as the Karnataka State Cricket Association and Royal Challengers Bengaluru. Continuous post-match reviews further helped refine operational strategies.

Key improvements this season include seamless integration of metro services with match-day travel, with nearly 19,000–20,000 spectators using the Namma Metro per match. Strategic traffic planning ensured minimal disruption, keeping major roads like Queens Road largely congestion-free.

Authorities also introduced QR-based digital ticketing with time-bound activation, curbing black marketing and enabling better tracking. Over 500 CCTV cameras and drone surveillance, supported by AI-based analytics, facilitated real-time monitoring and rapid response.

Strict enforcement action was taken against illegal activities. In one case, Cubbon Park police detected a mobile theft racket, arresting 9 adults and 9 juveniles from Jharkhand, while four accused remain absconding. Additionally, 12 cricket betting cases led to 17 arrests. The Central Crime Branch (CCB) also registered 23 cases related to black ticket sales, arresting 31 individuals and seizing mobiles and laptops worth Rs 48 lakh.

Reaffirming its commitment, the government also said further improvements are planned. **BMB**

Implementation of renewable energy rules put on hold

The Karnataka High Court has temporarily stayed the implementation of new regulations introduced by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) that imposed higher penalties on renewable energy producers for deviations in power supply.

This interim relief follows petitions filed by solar and wind energy developers, who challenged the revised Deviation Settlement Mechanism (DSM) rules that came into effect on April 1. Under these regulations, renewable energy companies are required to forecast their power generation in advance, with stricter financial penalties if actual output deviates from the declared schedule.

Industry stakeholders argued that such rules do not adequately consider the variability inherent in renewable energy generation, which depends heavily on weather conditions. They claimed that the tighter limits and increased penalties could place an unfair financial burden on developers and affect the sector's growth.

After considering these concerns, the High Court ordered that the contested provisions, particularly those related to the revised penalty structure, should not be enforced against the petitioners until further proceedings. For now, companies will continue to operate under the earlier DSM framework.

The court has issued notices to the central government, the CERC, and other concerned authorities, and the matter will be taken up again in the coming weeks. **BMB**

Nodal officers to oversee execution of summons

HIGH COURT

The Karnataka High Court has instructed the State to put in place a system of nodal officers to monitor how court-issued summons and warrants are carried out.

This direction follows concerns raised by the court over inconsistencies in police reports. In multiple cases, individuals described as "untraceable" were later found to have appeared before the court voluntarily, prompting questions about the diligence of efforts made to locate them.

To improve accountability, the court has said that each district must designate a nodal officer to oversee the execution of such legal processes. These officers will be responsible for verifying reports submitted by the police regarding the status of summons and warrants. In larger city jurisdictions, including Bengaluru, the role is to be handled by officers of a higher rank, while in other districts, it will be assigned to officers at sub-inspector level.

The High Court's directive aims to ensure reliable enforcement of orders and minimised delays. **BMB**

Rs 30 lakh bribe seized; KAS officer, driver held for corruption

A corruption trap was executed in Bengaluru leading to the seizure of Rs 30 lakh in bribe money and the arrest of two accused in a bribery case.

According to officials, the case has been registered under Sections 7(a) and 7A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Amendment Act 2018). The complainant, Ravi Kumar (41), a resident of Attur, Yelahanka, had alleged that officials demanded a bribe to pass a favourable order in a pending RRT case at the Assistant Commissioner (North) office.

The accused include Nagaprashanth and his driver Kumar. Officials said Rs 30 lakh was demanded, of which Rs 15 lakh had been accepted earlier. On Wednesday, the remaining Rs 15 lakh was accepted by the driver on instructions of the officer, leading to the trap. Both accused have been arrested. Further investigation is underway. **BMB**

Rickelton's 123 off 55 balls guides MI to 243

Mumbai Indians' (MI) Ryan Rickelton slammed his maiden Indian Premier League (IPL) century in the match against Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH), to take the team's total to 243/5 in 20 overs on Wednesday at the Wankhede Stadium.

Opening the innings, Ryan Rickelton slammed an unbeaten 123 off 55 balls, including eight sixes and 10 fours, helping MI post the highest team total at Wankhede in the IPL, surpassing RCB's 240/4 from earlier this season.

After electing to bat first, the Mumbai Indians' opening duo of Will Jacks (46 runs off 22 balls) and Ryan Rickelton took full advantage of the flat Wankhede deck. The pair dismantled the SRH bowling attack from the outset, racing to 78/0 by the end of the Powerplay.

Jacks was particularly aggressive, launching Harsh Dubey for 16 runs in the fifth over and then Rickelton slammed SRH pacer Sakib Hussain for 17 runs in the very next over.

Both the batters stitched a 93-run partnership before Jacks departed on the first ball of the eighth over as Nitish Kumar Reddy provided SRH their first breakthrough. However, despite Jacks' wicket, there was no slowing down for Rickelton. The Proteas batter slammed two boundaries and a six in the same over to take MI to 110/1 in 8 overs.

Suryakumar Yadav (5) couldn't contribute much as his lean patch continued. He lost his wicket to Eshan Malinga in the ninth over as MI were 113/2 after 9 overs.

New batter Naman Dhir (22) stitched a 55-run partnership with Rickelton before the former was dismissed by Praful Hinge in the 14th over. MI were 167/3 after 14 overs.

Rickelton helped MI slam 14 runs off the 15th over as he also completed his maiden IPL century off 44 balls. MI reached 181/3 in 15 overs. **–ANI**

'We're comfortable in all conditions'

Royal Challengers Bengaluru head coach Andy Flower rated a varied bowling attack which is adept in "exploiting different surfaces" as his side's biggest asset in the ongoing edition of the IPL.

After dismantling Delhi Capitals in the previous match at New Delhi, the defending champions are now set to face Gujarat Titans at the sprawling Narendra Modi Stadium here on Thursday.

"We've been very good at taking power play wickets and putting opposition under pressure. We're comfortable with whatever conditions are put in front of us. We believe we have an attack that can exploit different surfaces," said Flower in the pre-match press meet here on Wednesday.

Flower might have had the outstanding opening burst by Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Josh Hazlewood against the DC, where the pacers combined to reduce the home side to eight for six inside the power play segment.

"We've got a good mix, experienced swing bowlers, a world-class fast bowler in Hazlewood, and spinners who bring different skill sets. That variety gives us strong options in different phases of the game," he added.

However, Flower did not lose sight of RCB's strong batting unit.

"At the same time, we have strong depth in our batting, which gives the group a lot of confidence.

This batting unit can thrive in any situation," he added.

The Royal Challengers are now comfortably placed in the second position with 12 points, but Flower was not ready to look too far ahead.

"We've moved on from last year and are focused on the new challenges this season brings. The players have been enjoying that journey, and tomorrow should be another great contest."

Even the total decimation of the Capitals at Kotla did not change Flower' philosophy.

"It's important to treat wins and losses with a fair degree of equanimity. You don't want to get too carried away with either. Each game presents a fresh challenge, and that's how we approach it," said the Zimbabwean.

It, perhaps, stemmed from his awareness of the unpredictable nature of the T20 format.

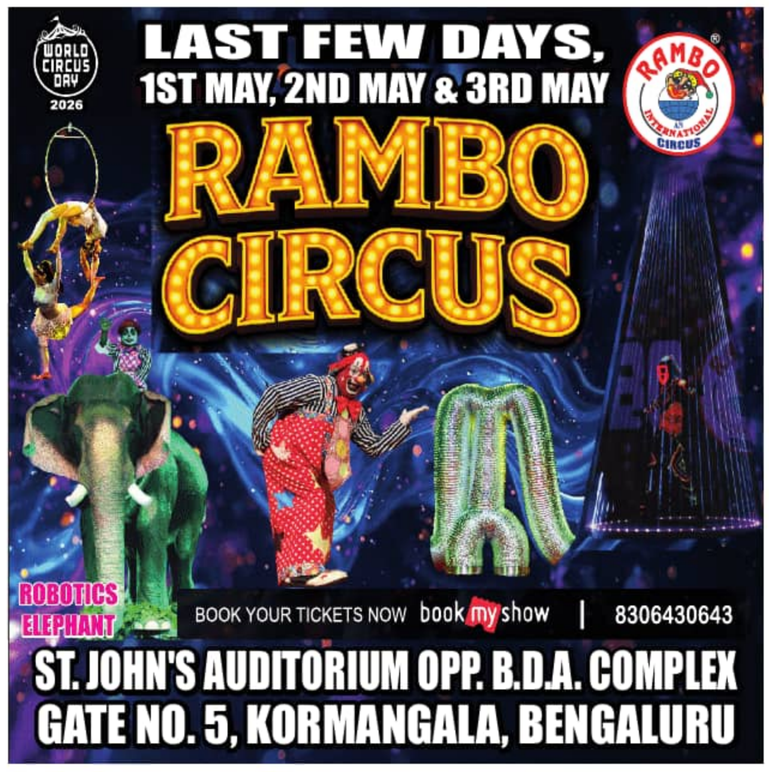
"It's important not to get into a mindset of trying to hold on to our position. We want to embrace the unpredictability of the game and attack every match with the right attitude," he added. **–PTI**

Royal Challengers Bengaluru's players during a training session ahead of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 match against Gujarat Titans in Ahmedabad on Wednesday

Today's battle

Gujarat Titans
VS
Royal Challengers Bengaluru

7.30 PM | **Ahmedabad**


WORLD CIRCUS DAY 2026
LAST FEW DAYS,
1ST MAY, 2ND MAY & 3RD MAY
RAMBO INTERNATIONAL CIRCUS
RAMBO CIRCUS
ROBOTICS ELEPHANT
BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW book my show | 8306430643
ST. JOHN'S AUDITORIUM OPP. B.D.A. COMPLEX
GATE NO. 5, KORMANGALA, BENGALURU

prem's
A BADASS VINTAGE ERA
KVN PRODUCTIONS
Anand
FROM TODAY
ACTION PRINCE DHRUVA SARJA
KD
THE DEVIL
KANNADA - HINDI - TAMIL - TELUGU - MALAYALAM
KVN PREM'S
SUPRITH ARJUN JANYA
DOP WILLIAM DAVID MOHAN B KERE SANKETH ACHAR SRINIVAS P BABU KRAANTI KUMAR
RAVI SARANGA - MANJUNATH BS - DR K RAVI VARMA - RAM LAKSHMAN - MASS MADHA - NARASIMHA RAJU SUNDARAM
JANI MASTER - NAGESH - BHAJARANGI MOHAN - BHUSHAN - RAHULYYAPPA SB - RAVINDRA BABU - DEVRAJ - BHARATH L - LOKESH DP
SHIVALINGA - VIKAS DASHAVARA CHANDRU - BASAVARAJ - SURESH S HARISH PHOENIX PREM STUDIO NIRMAL KUMAR KAANI STUDIO
Kaani Studio

K.G.ROAD : NARTHAKI
MAGADI ROAD : PRASANNA
M.G. ROAD : Swagath SHANKARNAG MG ROAD
J.P.NAGARA : SIDDESHWARA
RAJAJINAGARA: NAVARANG
SANJAYANAGARA: VAIBHAV
AMB CINEMAS KAPALI
PVR · INOX
MALL OF ASIA
NEXUS | ORION
VAISHNAVI | REGALIA
MARKET CITY | SPIRIT
UPTOWN | BHARATIYA
REX | GT | VR MALL
GLOBAL | FALCONCITY
SWAGATH | CENTRAL
LIDO | MANTRI | RMZ
GARUDA | YELAHANKA
NEIGHBOURHOOD
SBR | BROOKFIELD
cinépolis
ETA | MEENAKSHI
ORION EAST | LULU
SHANTINIKETAN | SJR
GOPALAN CINEMAS
ARCH | INNOVATION
GRAND | SIGNATURE
LEGACY
ROCKLINE mall & cinemas
MIRAJ
SUNKADAKATTE
KIN CINEMAS
SEEGEHALLI
MOVIETIME CINEMAS
RR NAGAR

Part enforcement problem, part behavioural issue

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

South division continues to top the chart with 34,138 violations, followed by West (31,349), East (27,325) and North (22,236).

About the increase in violation cases in South Bengaluru, a senior traffic police official from Jayanagar traffic police station said, " We have been conducting strict enforcement drives. As per the orders of DCP South, Gopal Byakod, all the officers on ground are asked to take strict action. Earlier we used to fine and seize driving licences of those caught in drink-and-drive cases, but now we are doing it with one-way riding cases and even for triple-riding."

The recent death of two persons, including a teenager, in a head-on collision with a car, the driver of which was allegedly drunk and coming from the wrong side on a one-way street, has once again brought the dangers of such violations to the fore. Several netizens also bring such incidents to cops' attention, posting videos of motorists driving in the wrong direction.

The police official added, "One-way riding is extremely dangerous. It can prove fatal if there are head-on collisions for no fault of the motorists coming in the correct direction. Strict enforcement is ongoing so that people understand not to do it again."

Under the Motor Vehicles Act and traffic regulations, driving against a designated one-way can attract a fine of Rs 500 for the first offence and Rs 1,500 for repeat offences, with police also empowered to initiate harsher action in cases where the violation leads to dangerous driving or accidents. Traffic experts note that despite the penalties, enforcement has not been enough to deter habitual offenders.

Experts said that one-way riding is also due to an infrastructure problem. "There need to be clear signages, medians installed with no opening in between, and clear entry and exit points," said an expert.

Another traffic expert said that this was a behavioural problem. "Many motorists violate one-way rule to avoid U-turns or going through a longer way to save a few minutes. This is rampant on narrow roads. Awareness programmes need to be conducted frequently. There can be a behavioural change when youngsters are targeted. One needs to understand that wrong-side driving can kill and bring a change themselves," said a traffic expert .

Traffic Police said enforcement drives against one-way violations will continue across the city, particularly at hotspots where repeated offences are reported.

Your Connect

jobs

SITUATION VACANT

ACADEMIC

TEACHER

WANTED Receptionists, Security Guards, Kannada teachers and NTT, D.Ed, B.Ed trained teachers for Nursery, Primary and High school. Contact: Little Flower English High School, 16th B main, HAL 2nd stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru. Phone: 08025263262, bluebellededucation@yahoo.in

LAWRENCE High School Koramangala requires experienced- Primary/ Middle school Science Teacher - Middle/High School English Teacher - High School Social Science Teacher. Send your CV to Lawrence.Koramangala@gmail.com Ph – 8296338807

NUR, Primary: Maths. High School: Eng, Kan, Sci, Maths, PE, dance tchrs, clerk, HM. Intrw: 30th Apr & 4th May at 11:00am MOTHERS TOUCH School,LIC col,3rd blk Jayanagar. 6363877783/ 8217270243

ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE ASSISTANTS

LADY experienced comp op cum office asst with min 3 yrs exp good english near Seshadripuram good salary and perks. udayhsheth@gmail.com

RECEPTIONISTS & TEL OPERATORS

HAEID @ Rajajinagar Requires Full /Part Time Experienced Front Office Executive with exposure to Accounts, Computers, Secretarial tasks for Immediate Placement. Handsome Salary. WhatsApp +919880007134.

SENIOR / TOP MANAGERS

CAREER Offer, Retd Govt/ Banker, HNI's NRI'S, Teachers & Housewives Unlimited Income, Foreign trips & PF,ESI benefits: 9844885909/ 8431658034

OTHER VACANCIES

MULTIPLE VACANCIES

WANTED Realtors & Tele callers for Realestate Company in and around Budigere Cross Call: 7349613954 /9986507655 www.chekkeraporperties.com

SECURITY

WANTED
SECURITY GUARD
Location : Bangalore
Salary: 22000 to 25000
Benefits: PF+ESIC
Food / Accommodation / Facility
Qual : 10th PASS / FAIL

DUTY HOURS : 8 Hours & 12 Hours Height: 5.7 Ft & Above Documents: Pan Card E-aadhar Card. Call: 8660754775, 9880876870

GALLERIA

R.E.S. POLYTECHNIC
Estd: 1986 - Recognised by Govt. of Karnataka & AICTE
10th Pass / What Next ???
JOIN DIPLOMA IN: ♦ Computer Science ♦ IS ♦ Civil ♦ Mechanical ♦ Automobile ♦ Electrical ♦ Electronics ♦ Fashion Tech ♦ Commerce (CP)
After Diploma can join JOB / 2nd year Engg OR Any Degree through LATERAL ENTRY QUOTA
PUC Pass Join 2 yrs Diploma Engineering
PUC Fail Join 3 yrs Diploma Engineering
RES-26701
EVENING / WEEKEND CLASSES
Available for working Professionals to EE
5, Sunkadakatte, Magadi Road, Hegganahalli Cross, B-91
Call: Secretary-99166 46466 / Principal-9916639466

real estate

BANGALORE PROPERTIES

JP NAGAR

Grand villa style entryway to Vastu aligned apartment with a balinese inspired gardens.
3 BHK starts from 1.45 Cr*
PRIVATE VARANDA Space, RERA APPROVED, with 60+ Amenities. 800 meters to Silk Institute metro, Kanakapura road & Nice Road, Ct: 9743859000

MALLESHWARAM

FULLY Furnished 16,000Sft. A/C Showroom For Sale On Prime Busy Commercial Area, 8th Cross, Malleshwaram. Call: 9845358544 / 9448477419.

FOR SALE

BANGALORE

PREMIUM Running Salon for Sale - Bangalore prime Mall Ready-to-earn business with an existing loyal customer base. Call 8884446397.

PROPERTY ANCILLARIES

COMMERCIAL PREMISES

CBSE Curriculum School building 30,000sft (Land 2 Acres) for Sale
KANAKAPURA SOUTH Bengaluru Immediate Take Over, With students Contact 9986164245/ 9916387431

personal

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JAYALAXMI CHAKALABBI Resident of No. 261, 3rd Main Road, Coffee Board Layout Bangalore 560024, have changed my name to JAYALAXMI vide affidavit dated: 25.04.2026 before notary H.K. Gopalagowda, Bangalore

I, Zaheer Khan S/o Hussain Sab R/o No 26 Zeenat MG Palya Bommanahalli Bangalore - 560068 have changed my name to Zaheer Ulla for all purposes.

I Shwetha Heregu Dharmegowda W/O, Kiran Kumar.d R/o 163,samrudhi Nilaya,1st Cross,singapura Paradise, M S Palya, vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru-560097 have changed my name to Swetha Kiran Kumar.

I, Rajul Sankalchand W/O, Manikchand Roopchand Bafna R/o Emerald 402, Parkwest, Ward No 121, Binnypet, Jagajeevanramnagar, Bengaluru, 560023 have changed my name to Rajul Manikchand Bafna for all purposes

I, Mallesh Mallegowda Ramesh S/o Ramesh, aged 42 years, residing at #20, Shri Sai Nilaya, 3rd B Cross, Gururaja Layout, Doddanekkundi, Bangalore – 560037, Karnataka, declare that "Mallesh", "Mallesh M R", and my full name refer to the same person as per affidavit dated 28-04-2026.

I, SHILPABAHEN BHUPENDRA RAVAL Residing at No 802 BLOCK 13 SUNCITY APPARTMENT, NEAR IBLUR LAKE, BENGALURU- 560102 have changed my name to SHILPABAHEN BHUPENDRA RAWAL vide affidavit dated: 28/04/2026 Before Notary K.V.Mani Bangalore.

I, Rajeswari Tilak Kumar R/o Brigade Meadows Flat No- I 760,Saalu Hunase Village ,Kaggalipura B'lore-560082 have changed my name to Rajeswari Kannan.

I, NISHANK D JAIN, No 66, Jainama Apartments, Ratna Vilas Road, Basavangudi, Bengaluru-560004, I here by declare that My father's name is Changed from DEEPAK B JAIN to DEEPAK KUMAR vide affidavit dtd 29/04/2026 sworn before Notary MAMATHA N.K Bangalore

I Sarita Bahuguna W/o Sunil Gairola, R/o Flat No B-409, Sahasra Grand Apartment, Chelekere, Kalayan Nagar, Bangalore-560043, have changed my name to Sarita Gairola

I, Anand Kumar Gunjetti R/o 422 1st floor, 1st C cross, Bhuvaneshwarinagar,BSk 3rd stage 5th Block,Bangalore 560085 have changed my minor daughter 's name from Arya to Arya Anand.

I, RAGHU GOWDA RANGAIAH Residing at M04, Assets Soul and Soil, Hennur Bagalur Road, Chikkagubbi, Doddagubbi, Bangalore North, Bangalore,Karnataka-560077, have changed my Son Name (minor), from ADHIT RAGHU GOWDA to ADHIT GOWDA

I Farjana Ghumra Or Farzana Banu W/O, Mohammed Iftekhar R/o No 54 Srikantaiah Layout Near Sauth Enterprizes, Church Cross Nagawara Main Road, Bengaluru, 560045, Karnataka, India have changed my name to Farzana Ghumra.

I, Madhavi Janardhanrao R/o No. 101, 6th Cross, 10th Main, Bikasipura,B'luru-560111, have changed my name to Madhavi JanardhanRao Kulkarni.

LOST & FOUND

MR.. Rajesh and Sri. Late Jayarm r/o No. 1121/A Panajappa Lane Doddanna Nagar Kaval Byrasandra, Bangalore have lost my property/ site DOCUMENT NO. / IDENTIFICATION : BLN-1-35375-200405 and HBB-100131-2011-12: Bangalore north tq, Kassaba hobli, Kaval Byrasandra village, survey no. 27/3 A khata no-985, site no. 5 with FIR NO - 2177684/2026 BANGALORE.Finder pl. Contact MOBILE - 9110628501/ 9740612385

Bennett & Coleman
THE TIMES OF INDIA
Readers are recommended to make appropriate enquires and seek appropriate advice before sending money, incurring any expenses, acting on medical recommendations or entering into any commitment in relation to any advertisement published in this publication. All creatives marked as Advertorial, Spotlight and Promotional Features are to be treated as Advertisements. The Times of India Group doesn't vouch for any claims made by the Advertisers of the products and services. The Printer, Publisher, Editor, and the owners of The Times of India Group publications shall not be held liable for any consequences, in the event such claims are not honoured by the Advertisers.

tender & notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Before District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Nagapattinam, in DC/579/CC/2/2026: B. Subhashini Vs. Krishna Sewing Solutions, rep. by Mr. Hemanth Krishna. No.36-149-81, New No.81, Kamakshipalya, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore - 560079. hemanthkrishna28@gmail.com.

Since summons could not be served in the ordinary manner, notice is hereby given through paper publication. Opposite Party is directed to appear before the Commission on 08.05.2026, in person or through counsel, failing which the matter will be proceeded **ex parte*. Counsel for petitioner: A.Parthipan B.A.,B.L., A.Udhaya Gnanasekaran B.A.,B.L

GET NOTICED

Grand Flea Market
Presents
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ಸವ
Bengaluru Utsava®
(Art, Craft, Handlooms & Lifestyle Exhibition)
Date:
17th April to 3rd May 2026
Timing: 10:30 AM - 7:00 PM
Venue:
Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath
(7 Galleries and Lawn Area)
Near Shivananda Circle, Kumara Krupa Road
Bengaluru - 560 001.
Contact: 8073505441 / 6364685716
17 Days Exhibition Entry Free
70+ Shopping Stalls | 50+ Craftsman | Entry Free

MIRRORLIGHTS

Alexithymia linked with higher daily disruption due to pain

People who struggle with identifying and describing emotions could experience more disruption to daily activities from pain due to an increased psychological distress, a new study has found.

Researchers, led by those at the US' Johns Hopkins Medicine, looked at how alexithymia, or a difficulty recognising and expressing emotions, can affect pain outcomes.

Chronic pain, in which pain persists beyond the immediate recovery period of three months, is often a result of psychosocial factors, including one's emotional response to pain and cognitive processes such as coping mechanisms.

"Alexithymia had a significant indirect effect on pain interference through psychological distress," authors wrote in the study published in the journal Health Psychology.

The researchers related elevated levels of alexithymia in patients with chronic pain with a worse pain severity, physical interference, depression and anxiety. Evidence suggests that alexithymia can be targeted and reduced in chronic pain treatment, they added.

More than 1,450 patients with mixed chronic pain conditions across the US were surveyed and monitored.

Patients having a higher alexithymia at the study's start were found to develop a greater psychological distress a year later. An increased distress predicted a greater pain interference after two years, which meant that pain had a larger impact on daily functioning and quality of life.

The study provides new evidence that how people experience emotions plays a crucial role in how chronic pain shapes their lives. –PTI

GALLERIA
TIMES interact
Connecting People, Connecting Needs.

ASHWINI PUBLIC SCHOOL &
RAJEEV GANDI MEMORIAL SCHOOL
LAGGERE, BANGALORE - 560058.
SSLC TOPPERS 2025-26

YASHASWINI P 95.52%

SRI ANUPAMA PU AND DEGREE COLLEGE
ANDHRAHALLI MAIN ROAD PEENYA 2ND STAGE BANGALORE - 91
SSLC TOPPERS 2025-26

Sweet, sweet data

Wearable glucose monitors offer real-time data, but what does it mean for healthy people when no guidelines exist for interpretation

Keeping tabs on blood sugar throughout the day used to be the exclusive domain of people with diabetes. But in 2026, anyone can buy a user-friendly wearable device that provides minute-by-minute readouts on how their glucose levels respond to food and movement.

These glucose numbers are increasingly being tracked by people who are healthy but want to lose weight or optimise their wellness.

I am a behavioral scientist who has spent the past decade studying how real-time data captured through wearable sensors and mobile technologies can help promote a healthier lifestyle. I've found that for people who don't have diabetes, using such a device for a few weeks can bring insight into how their body reacts to their eating patterns and daily habits.

In the absence of meaningful metrics for interpreting these numbers, monitoring a constant stream of data doesn't directly help people make health-related decisions and can lead to confusion and needless anxiety.

> **In absence of interpretation metrics, monitoring constant stream of data may lead to confusion and anxiety**

What are glucose levels – and why track them?

Glucose is a type of sugar that circulates in the bloodstream after being absorbed from food. It is the body's primary source of energy. The pancreas responds to a glucose spike by releasing a hormone called insulin, which brings the glucose number down.

People with Type 1 diabetes, whose bodies don't make enough insulin, rely on glucose numbers to tell them when to take a dose of insulin. People with Type 2 diabetes use the numbers to monitor the effect of their medications and lifestyle changes and to get a fuller picture of their glucose control.

From test strips to AI-enabled sensors

Devices that track glucose numbers have been around since the early 1970s. Early versions consisted of test strips that detected glucose levels in urine. Finger prick tests, or glucometers, which were developed in the 1980s, are still used by some people today and measure them more directly by applying a tiny blood drop to a test strip.

To make the technology more convenient, companies in the early 2000s developed continuous monitoring devices that consist of tiny sensors inserted just under the skin that detect glucose in fluid that surrounds cells.

Today, the technology has evolved even further. The most advanced glucose monitors under development come in the form of watches or rings with noninvasive sensors that use light-based techniques to detect glucose in body fluids.

Glucose monitoring for diabetes

There's no doubt that continuous glucose monitors are a game-changer. People living with diabetes rely on these devices to track what percentage of the day their blood glucose stays within healthy limits – a measure called "time in range."

According to a 2026 report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, almost 11 million adults who have diabetes – more than 1 in 4 adults with the condition – are undiagnosed. Type 2 diabetes can develop slowly and silently, often with no noticeable symptoms for years except glucose levels that remain elevated for a majority of the day, including when people are sleeping. Tracking glucose levels might offer clues that glucose is elevated.

Tracking glucose levels may also benefit the 115.2 million Americans – 43.5 per cent of all US adults – who have a condition called prediabetes.

Daily glucose rhythms

Increasingly, though, people who use continuous glucose monitors aren't diabetic – or even prediabetic. Instead, they want to understand how their bodies react to activities in their daily lives.

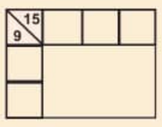
In studies I've conducted with colleagues, many people have found this information powerful. They were surprised to learn that eating certain foods – sugary soda, or even something healthy like a banana – causes their glucose levels to spike.

That initial wow factor – and its capacity to motivate people to make healthy lifestyle changes – may be valuable. But it's not clear how long these changes last, or how exactly people should respond to fluctuations in their glucose number to decrease their diabetes risk or to address other health issues.

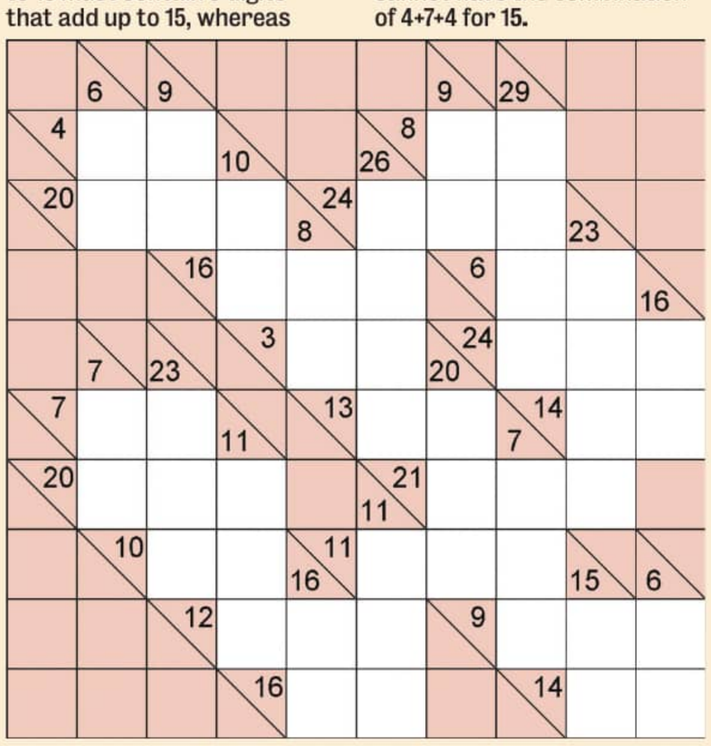
(By Liao Yue, University of Texas at Arlington, The Conversation)

Kakuro

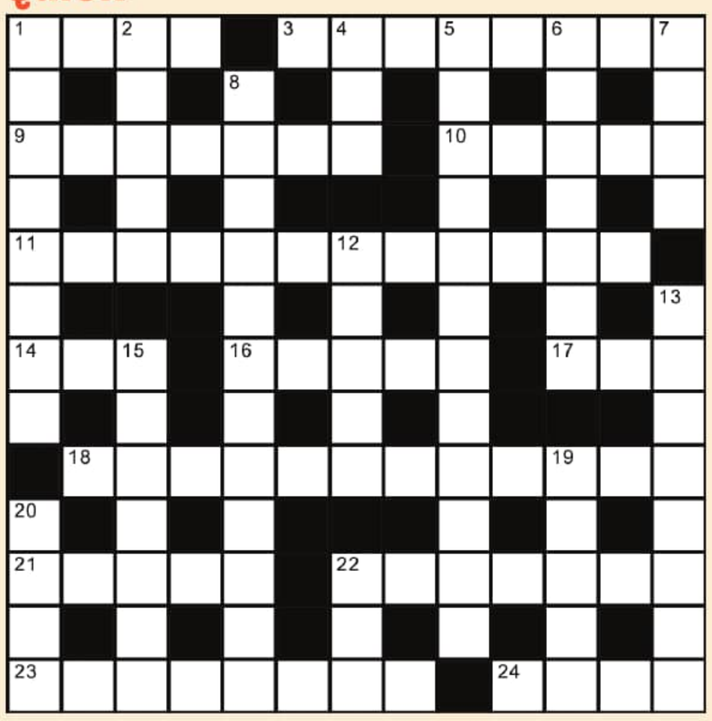
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

1 Suggestive (4)
3 Tchaikovsky ballet (4,4)
9 Drag out (7)
10 Great Romanian gymnast (5)
11 Bull temple locale (12)
14 Suffix with social or tour (3)
16 A quarrel or a spat (3,2)
17 Play on words (3)
18 Sudden productive insight (12)
21 Plain clothes not a uniform; civvies (5)
22 Quick looks (7)
23 Ta-ta in Tokyo (8)
24 Greek letters–"seat" changed ? (4)

DOWN

1 Nation without a monarch (8)
2 Chefs (5)
4 Tongues ___ : there is talk? (3)
5 Person in his 90s (12)
6 Totalled (5,2)
7 School test (4)
8 Dialogue (12)
12 Group of nine (5)
13 Elates or fills with confidence (8)
15 Parsimonious (7)
19 Full-length (5)
20 Australian birds (4)
22 Gujarat's ___ sanctuary (3)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: R EQUALS G

MY ZGUUWV LW YFYQIVKAUR GV WUZY, TOV MY ZGU LW DWEYVKAUR GV WUZY.

Linemaro

You're a fine piece of real estate and I'm going to get me some land

Mindchow

Build your own dreams or someone else will hire you to build theirs

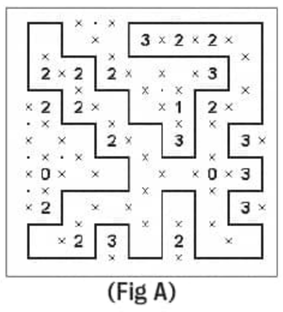
Joke of the day

Why did the fish blush? Because it saw the ocean's bottom

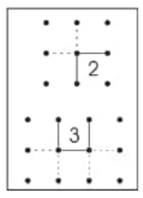
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

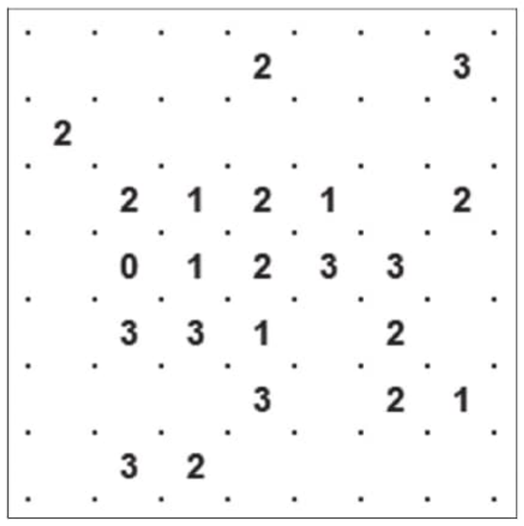


(Fig B) Not Allowed

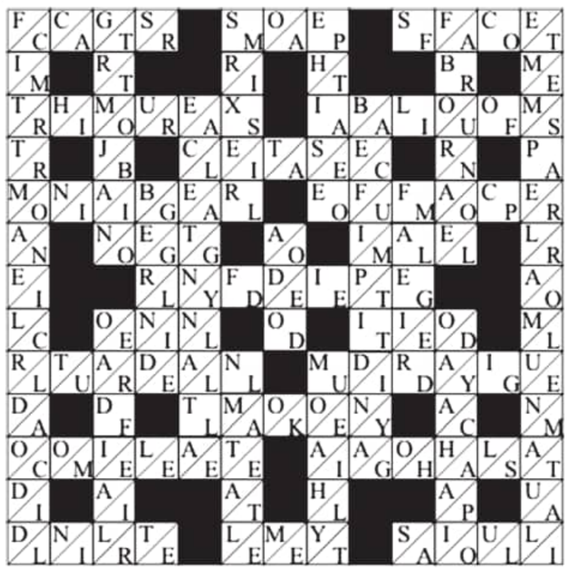
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



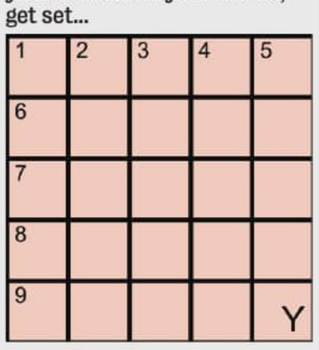
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

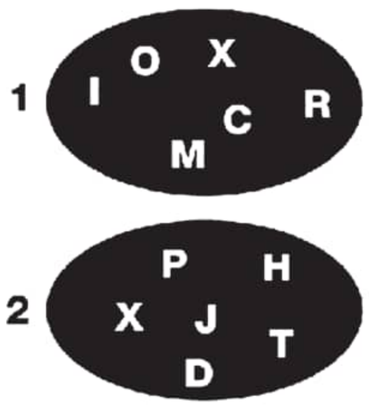
1 Coats; 6 Ed Poe; 7 Acnes; 8 Tigon; 9 On Gay

DOWN

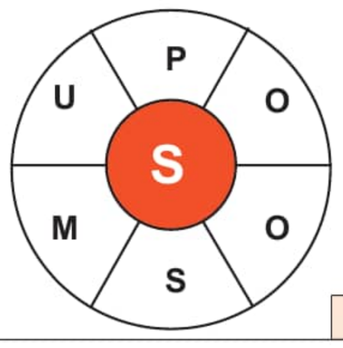
1 Ace I a; 2 Pangs; 3 No cog; 4 No doe; 5 Et sty

Mensapuzzle

Which letter is the odd one out in each ellipse?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; **05** Good; **07** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	3			8			4	
7			9		1			3
	1		4		3		7	
5			8		4			7
		3				8		
1			2		5			4
	5		1		7		9	
4			5		6			8
	7			2			1	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy

[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] = 7

4 7 6 4

Medium

[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] = 16

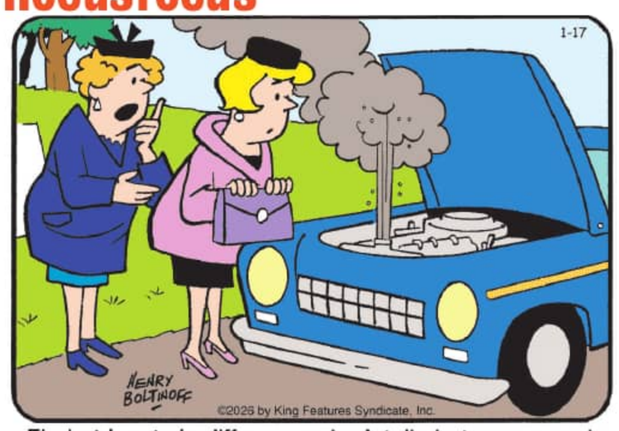
3 3 8 2

Hard

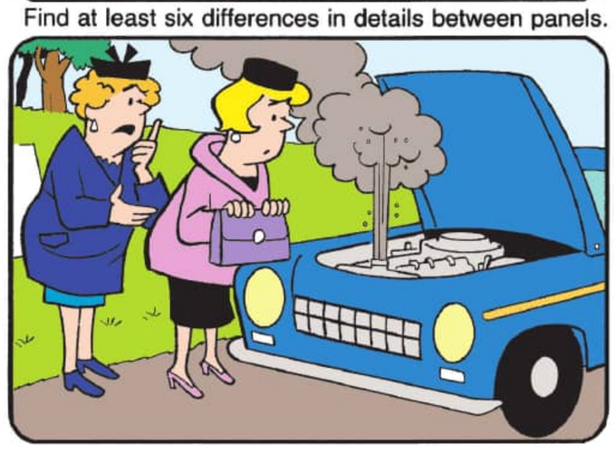
[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] = 5

3 5 9 9

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



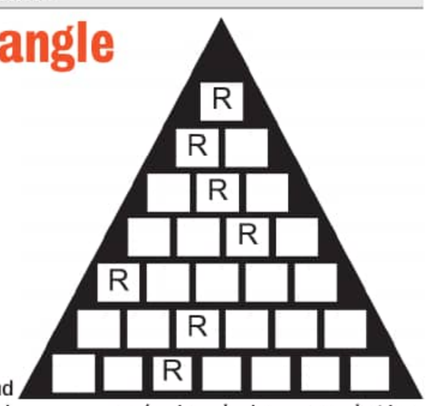
Differences: 1. Thumb is moved. 2. Leg is moved. 3. Bumper is different. 4. Purse is different. 5. Tire is different. 6. Skirt is longer.

Riddler

You will know that I am coming. From the jingle of my bell, But exactly who I am is not an easy thing to tell. Children, they adore me for they find me jolly, but I do not see them when the halls are decked with holly. My job often leaves me frozen,I am a man that all should know, But I do not do business in times of sleet or ice or snow. I travel much on business, But no reindeer haul me around, I do all my travelling firmly on the ground. I love the time of Christmas, But that's not my vocational season, And I assure that is because of a sound economic reason.

Alpha triangle

1 18th letter
2 Again, abbr.
3 Wrath
4 Exhaust
5 Fasten firmly
6 Truth
7 The spice of life

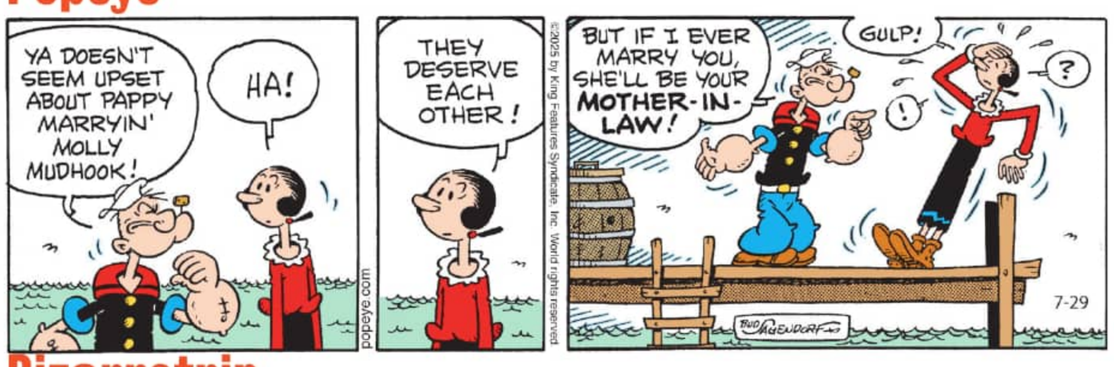


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

COMICS

Popeye



Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

THIS ISN'T ONE OF THE MORE HISTORICALLY ACCURATE HERCULES MOVIES, IS IT?
OH, I DON'T KNOW... WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?
HE'S WEARING A DIGITAL WATCH
PECS LIKE THAT, AND YOU'RE LOOKING AT HIS WRIST?!
©2015 creators.com
www.creators.com
Barnhart

Hart of the city

HEART, I WANNA COMPETE IN THE GAFF TAPE CATEGORY.
WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS?
HMM...
RIP!
TAPE!
YOU'RE STANDING IN A TAPED POSITIONING BOX WITH A GLOW-IN-THE-DARK GUIDE BACKSTAGE. I'VE ALSO COVERED THE CORDS LEADING TO THE LIT TOWER FROM LAST SEASON'S PLAY.
IMPRESSIVE. WELCOME TO THE TEAM.
HEART OF THE CITY © 2026 ANDREWS MCMEEL
GOCOMICS.COM/HEARTOFTHECITY

Crankshaft

GEORGE SHOULD SEE A DOCTOR TO MAKE SURE THAT ANKLE ISN'T BROKEN.
I KNOW... BUT FOR NOW HE'S GOING TO TREAT IT WITH WISHFUL THINKING.
© 2026 Mediagraphics, Inc. Dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WRITTEN IN THE STARS

Dr SUNDEEP KOCHAR

If it's your birthday today

Your birthday closes the month by opening a powerful new chapter. Travel dreams begin forming, possibly through career opportunities or learning journeys. Love feels sincere, passionate, and grounding. Finances improve through careful planning and persistence. Domestic life brings laughter, warmth, creativity, and peaceful evenings. Celebrate, trust your path, and welcome the experiences, friendships, and growth waiting beyond today this year.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
You may feel slightly low on energy today, Aries. Fortunately, romantic developments brighten your mood, as affection from someone special brings happiness.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Health deserves attention today, Taurus. Consider focusing on medical care and well-being while shifting attention away from financial worries toward loved ones.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Exercise caution today, Gemini, as minor accidents may be possible. Fortunately, positive news from both work and home brings happiness.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Your stomach may need rest today, Cancer. Eat light and avoid heavy meals. Meanwhile, business opportunities and affectionate moments from loved ones uplift your mood.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Your guarded nature may create distance today, Leo. Opening up and accepting help from friends or colleagues can strengthen important relationships.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Physical activity benefits you today, Virgo. Consider exploring sports or movement. Financially, property investments may also appear promising.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Avoid unnecessary arguments today, Libra. Focus on your goals and professional relationships instead of becoming involved in others' conflicts.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Kindness begins with those closest to you today, Scorpio. Practice patience at work and listen to others' ideas while planning finances carefully.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Your schedule feels productive today, Sagittarius. After completing tasks, use extra time to reflect on your long-term goals and future aspirations.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
If you feel overlooked today, Capricorn, express your thoughts honestly. Sharing your talents confidently may help others recognize your true value.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Someone you've been thinking about may reconnect with you today, Aquarius. This could open the door to meaningful emotional conversations.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Work stress may arise today, Pisces, but clarity about priorities will help. Romance and social opportunities bring positivity, as long as spending remains controlled.

www.sundeepkochar.com

KIDZONE

Ramya, Bengaluru

Rishika, Bengaluru

Kidzone, Bangalore Mirror, No. 74/2, Sanjana Plaza, 4th & 5th Floor, Elephant Rock Road, Jayanagar 3rd block, Bengaluru-560 011;
Please send hard copies of your artwork in A4 size only.

SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
(27)^(– 1/3) = 1/3
(36)^(– 1/2) = 1/6
(√ (1/3) + (1/6))^ – 1
(√(1/2))^ – 1 = √2

BULL'S EYE
moss, muss, OPOSSUM, opus, possum, puss, soup

STRIKE OUT

QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
1 = M, 2 = J The numerical values of No. 1 are divisible by 3, in No. 2 the numbers are divisible by 4.

QUOTE UNCODE
We cannot do everything at once, but we can do something at once.

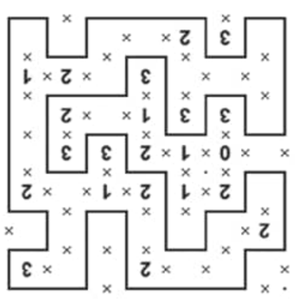
SUDOKU

9	3	5	7	8	2	1	4	6
7	6	4	9	5	1	2	8	3
8	1	2	4	6	3	5	7	9
5	9	6	8	1	4	3	2	7
2	4	3	6	7	9	8	5	1
1	8	7	2	3	5	9	6	4
3	5	8	1	4	7	6	9	2
4	2	1	5	9	6	7	3	8
6	7	9	3	2	8	4	1	5

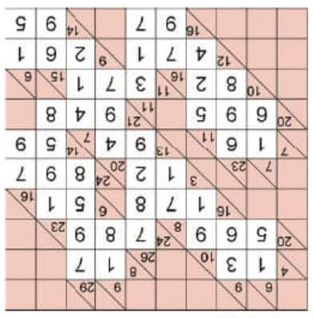
ALPHA TRIANGLE
R, Re, Ire, Tire, Rivet, Verity, Variety.

GO FIGURE
Easy
4 + 6 + 4 – 7 = 7
Medium
3 – 3 + 8 x 2 = 16
Hard
9 – 9 x 3 + 5 = 5

LOOP



KAKURO



RIDDLER
Ice Cream Man!

FAST FIVE

A	S	C	O	T
E	P	O	D	E
C	A	N	E	S
I	N	G	O	T
A	G	O	N	Y

Volume No 18, Issue No 085 RNI NO:KARENG/2007/21142 Published for the Proprietors, Metropolitan Media Company Ltd by Lokesh K.V. at No. 74/2, Sanjana Plaza, 4th & 5th Floor, Elephant Rock Road, Jayanagar 3rd block, Bengaluru-560 011 and printed by him at Bennett Coleman & Co Ltd., The Times of India Press, No. 9/10/11-A, 4th Main, KIADB Bommasandra Industrial Area, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore – 560 099 (Phones : Press : 080-22899999; Editorial : 080-40877666, Registered Office: No. 74/2, Sanjana Plaza, 4th & 5th Floor, Elephant Rock Road, Jayanagar 3rd block, Bengaluru – 560 011, Email : mybangaloremirror@timesofindia.com Editor : Ms. Seena Menon – responsible for selection of news under PRB Act. © Reproduction in whole or in part without the written permission of the Publisher is prohibited.

SRK can kiss the ground MJ walked on

An old video of Shah Rukh Khan has resurfaced showing a heartfelt moment involving Michael Jackson during his 1996 India visit. Jackson arrived in Mumbai for his HIStory World Tour, performing for over 35,000 fans and receiving a humanitarian award at a special event.

In the viral clip, SRK is seen stepping onto the stage shortly after Jackson had left. In a spontaneous gesture of admiration, he pointed to the exact spot where the pop legend had stood and kissed the dais, calling it a fanboy moment. He reportedly said, "Wait a second, let me kiss this dais where Michael was standing."

The moment has been widely shared following renewed interest in Jackson's legacy and recent biopic buzz. SRK's tribute reflects the global admiration for the King of Pop. The clip also featured in a tribute video titled Make It Large: A Tribute to Michael Jackson. **–ETimes**

Shefali Shah dances down memory lane

Actor grooves to Satya track in nostalgic viral video

Shefali Shah brought back memories on International Dance Day with a candid video shared on social media. The clip featured her dancing to Sapne Mein Milti Hai from Satya, showcasing a relaxed and joyful performance. Dressed in a peach co-ord set, Shefali danced with ease and natural charm, her expressions reflecting pure enjoyment. The performance captured the essence of the iconic track and highlighted her effortless screen presence.

She captioned the post: "Dance like nobody is watching… I take it very seriously. #InternationalDanceDay #candid."

The video quickly went viral, drawing affectionate reactions from fans and industry peers. The original song, sung by Asha Bhosle and Suresh Wadkar, remains a cult favourite. Shefali's dance moment revived nostalgia for Satya, directed by Ram Gopal Varma, where she starred alongside Manoj Bajpayee.

Fans praised her energy, calling her performance natural, joyful and deeply engaging. **–ETimes**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Prem's power play

The much-awaited pan-Indian film KD: The Devil is set for release on April 30 after overcoming several hurdles. Sudeep, known as Baadshah Sudeep among fans, plays Kala Bhairava. He said he shot for three days, while the film was completed in 150 days. Dhruva Sarja plays the protagonist, whom Sudeep described as a brother, adding that he supported the big-budget project. Reeshma Nanaiah plays the female lead. Sudeep urged support for the Kannada film industry, which is going through a lean phase.

He praised director Prem's passion and said all frames are excellent. Addressing a song controversy, he said a mistake had been rectified and stressed unity in the industry. On piracy, he said cinema halls are like temples and expressed confidence that audiences will continue watching films in cinemas. Director Prem called Sudeep like a brother and thanked him for his instant support.

Arjun Kapoor seeks digital protection

Bollywood actor Arjun Kapoor has approached the Delhi High Court seeking protection of his personality rights against alleged misuse of his identity through AI-generated and pornographic content. The case was heard by Justice Tushar Rao Gedela, with submissions by Advocate Pravin Anand, who stated that Kapoor's image was being commercially exploited through unauthorised merchandise and explicit deepfake material.

The Court observed that public figures cannot seek blanket removal of all content unless it is defamatory or derogatory. Anand argued the material went beyond satire, including distorted AI images of Kapoor.

The Court also noted prior rulings on personality rights involving several celebrities and stated that detailed interim orders will be issued soon. It heard submissions from Google LLC as well.

Similar protections have been granted to figures including Allu Arjun, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, and others, while Salman Khan has also filed a related plea. **–Etimes**

Diljit brings bhangra to Fallon

Diljit Dosanjh has once again won global admiration, this time for a heartfelt tribute to The Tonight Show host Jimmy Fallon after his appearance on the programme. A backstage green room video, now widely shared, shows Fallon visiting the Punjabi star before his performance, prompting an emotional exchange.

Dosanjh later thanked Fallon on social media, praising his positive energy and expressing gratitude for giving him a global platform to represent Punjabi culture.

He was also seen teaching Bhangra moves to Fallon, who joined in enthusiastically during the light-hearted backstage moment.

On stage, he performed Morni in a traditional Punjabi ensemble, earning praise from fans worldwide and going viral on social media. Bollywood actor Kareena Kapoor Khan also shared the clip, calling herself his "forever fan girl" in admiration.

He now awaits Imtiaz Ali's film Main Vaapas Aaunga, co-starring Naseeruddin Shah, Sharvari Wagh and Vedang Raina, release later this year in cinemas. **–Etimes**

Gowrishankar leads onscreen

Actor-cum-producer Gowrishankar, known for Rajahamsa and Kerebete, appears as Common Man. Directed by Om Sai Prakash, his 106th film, it explores what happens when a common man becomes Chief Minister. The title and first look were unveiled at Utsav Legacy.

Gowrishankar said the film is his third as an actor and that he was surprised to receive the offer. He praised the script and said he had long waited for such a role. He also appreciated the director for completing the shoot on schedule and prioritising the script over everything else.

Director Om Sai Prakash said the film is content-driven, featuring an advocate who unexpectedly becomes Chief Minister and explores his actions thereafter. Producer N Narasimha Murthy said he has a long-standing passion for theatre and this is his third production. He praised the team for completing the shoot in 32 days against a 40-day schedule.